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Legal Action Report

**The Tucson Human Relations Commission met on
Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.
Mayor and Council Conference Room
1st Floor of City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2006

Motion to approve minutes with the following changes:

Ms. Taylor requested:

Page 9, third paragraph from the bottom: replace the sentences that read, “Ms. Taylor said that was being pursued, but the Ray Davies Subcommittee had not been able to meet with anyone from the MLK Committee. They were trying to find a liaison with fewer pre-existing commitments than Mr. Boykins” with the following sentence: “Ms. Taylor said that was being pursued, and a meeting with the MLK Committee was still pending”.

Page 10, eighth paragraph: strike the first sentence, “Ms. Taylor said that was not relevant to the contest.” Change the first word of second sentence to read “Ms. Taylor” instead of “She”.

Ms. Kaur Khalsa requested:

Page 1, correct the spelling of a guest’s name, from “Burc Magruflu” to “Burc Maruflu”.

Motion passed 5 to 0.

3. Chairman’s Summary of Current Events – Information Only (Glenn)

No action taken.

4. Treasurer’s Report – (Sat Bir)

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report; passed 6 to 0.

a. ~~Invitations/Requests for Support~~
(Item 4a was removed from the agenda)

b. Payment to Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Motion to approve payment of \$150.00 to the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; passed 6 to 0.

5. Invitations/Requests for Non-Financial Support

Motion to send a letter of support to the Sikh Community in Phoenix for supporting the showing of the film, “*Divided We Fall*”; motion died for lack of a second.

This item has been continued to the Commission’s next meeting.

6. Follow-up on Annual Commission Retreat – (Sat Bir)

Discussion held; no action taken.

7. Unity in Tolerance/Event Honoring Ray Davies – (Martha)

Decision by consensus to:

- **Invite the City Clerk to the Commission’s next meeting to address questions regarding support to the Commission for this event.**
- **Tentatively schedule the event for a Saturday in mid-April**
- **Contact Ray Davies’ pastor regarding use of their sanctuary, and assistance with hosting the event**

8. TUSD Desegregation Case – (Glenn)

No discussion.

9. Rosa Parks Scholarship Fund – (Tim)

Decision by consensus to have Mr. Dunne and Ms. Kaur Khalsa attend the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona’s Annual Investment Briefing on October 17, 2006.

10. Anti-Hate Crimes Task Force – (Glenn)

Decision by consensus to speak with Tim Rupel, Al Whitehurst, Wingspan and the Muslim Community regarding the effect of Mr. Rupel’s retirement and any succession plan.

11. Report from Tucson Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues – (Glenn)

Staff will find out if another Commissioner can substitute for Chair Howell at the GLBT’s meetings over the next two months.

12. Commission on Disability Issues’ Representative to the Human Relations Commission – (Sat Bir)

Discussion held; no action taken.

13. Commission Notebooks – (Sat Bir)

This item was continued to the Commission’s next meeting.

14. Creation of Subcommittees – (Staff)

Discussion held; no action taken.

15. Upcoming Meeting Dates and Potential Conflicts with Holidays – (Sat Bir)

This item will return to the Commission’s January meeting agenda. Decision by consensus to keep the same meeting schedule next year.

16. Future Agenda Items – Information Only

Decision by consensus to include the following on the next meeting agenda:

- **Follow-up on Annual Commission Retreat**
- **Unity in Tolerance/Event Honoring Ray Davies**
- **Rosa Parks Scholarship Fund**
- **Anti-Hate Crimes Task Force**
- **Report from Tucson Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues (GLBT)**
- **Report from Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)**
- **Commission Notebooks**
- **MLK Essay Contest**
- **Reciprocation of Support with Other Organizations**
- **Request for financial support of Tucson Multi-Faith Alliance/Community Conversations**
- **Request for non-financial support of Sikh Community**

17. Domestic Partner Benefits and Anti-discrimination Policy – (Sat Bir)

- a. Presentation from Ivy Schwartz

Motion to endorse and agree with the Resolution passed unanimously by the Mayor and Council regarding reaffirming Domestic Partner benefits and Anti-discrimination policy city-wide; passed 6 to 0.

Staff will find out if the Commission's endorsement can be publicized in a Press Release, and distributed to City employees.

18. MLK Essay Contest

Staff was directed to amend contest rules and add a title page template for students to use.

The letter to send to schools regarding Essay Contest rules was approved by consensus.

Decision by consensus to provide a list of media contacts to staff for forwarding to Ms. Kaur Khalsa, for possible use in publicizing the Essay Contest.

19. Adjournment 7:04 p.m.